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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Further in response to the Office Action dated 9/29/03, U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0166221 (Clew), attached, provides additional evidentiary support for Applicants' representative's position that there is no suggestion or motivation to combine the cited hydraulically actuated riveting machines with the other cited references to arrive at the presently claimed invention. The differences are significant. See for example, paragraph numbers 0004, 0005 and 0012 of Clew, where the German Application No. EP 0893172, which is the priority basis for the present application, is compared to U.S. 5,752,305 (Cotterill, et al.). It is also noteworthy that the assignee of Clew is the assignee of Cotterill, et al. Finally, Clew is not prior art to the present

application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that all of the rejections be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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